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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY COLLEGE:

In accordance with Section III of Article Fifteen of the Statutes of the College, I submit the Report of the Librarian for the year ending June 30, 1955.

We are able to look back upon the year just completed as another extremely busy one. It is gratifying to see so much library activity on the part of the student body and faculty. It is heartening, too, to learn from individual teachers how much the new library building and the presence of the Watkinson Library on our campus have done to facilitate their teaching and to improve the work of the students.

As usual we present the circulation statistics of the past year along with those for the previous four years for the sake of comparison.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS 1950-55

	<u>Students</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
1954-55	20,188	4,202	1,977	12,944**
1953-54	18,173	4,543	2,649	10,573**
1952-53	14,094	3,029	1,705	9,356**
1951-52	12,021	2,945	1,106	14,187
1950-51	12,053	1,876	*	14,674

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Borrowed from other libraries	155
Loans to other libraries	230

The decrease in library use by persons other than students and faculty can be attributed in part to the fact that it has been necessary to discourage the indiscriminate use of the Library by students of colleges and schools in the Hartford area. The advent of the new building brought a flood of outside students, some on their own initiative, many sent by

*counted with Faculty

**does not include use of Open Reserve books in the building

their teachers, to use the improved Trinity facilities. A heavy drain on our book collection and staff time has made it necessary to revise our policy. Now we lend to students who bring a letter from their librarian or teacher stating the purpose of the desired library use. This has tended to eliminate the casual student borrower who can be served by his own library or the public library without restricting the student who has a worthy project and cannot find the books elsewhere. We are trying to serve the community in the best way we can without handicapping our own program.

CATALOGUING

The statistics below, reported by the Catalogue Department, indicate a continuing program of modernization of the card catalogue through reclassification and subject heading revision, in addition to the normal activity of preparing the new acquisitions for the shelves. Add the Watkinson Library recataloguing project to this and the picture of a very busy year is complete. The Watkinson work is reviewed fully later in this report.

	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Volumes</u>
<i>Books added to Library:</i>		
New titles catalogued	2,350	2,797
Replacements and added copies		177
Continuations		356
Periodicals	59	1,381
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Totals	2,409	4,711
Books withdrawn		2,082
Books reclassified	1,000	1,410
(Includes 80 (135 v.) also recatalogued)		
Books recatalogued	246	1,723
(Includes 80 (135 v.) also reclassified)		
Films catalogued	4	
Microcards catalogued (Periodicals)	4	
Recordings catalogued	17	
Subject headings changed	1,991 (approx.)	

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Recent federal legislation has made it necessary for libraries enjoying the government document depository privilege to pay the postal charges on the documents so received. Our annual outlay at present is \$95. While it represents a further strain on our book funds, we realize that hundreds of very worthwhile documents come our way for this sum, many of which we could not do without.

In the face of this revised policy we reviewed our document list this past year and asked the Superintendent of Documents to cancel those few for which we had no use. Despite this, we received over five hundred separate items more than we did the previous year: pamphlets, 5,091; unbound volumes, 795; bound volumes, 192; or a total of 6,078 items.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY

Volumes in the Library, June 30, 1954	227,172
Additions July 1, 1954—June 30, 1955	4,711
	<hr/> 231,883
Volumes withdrawn, July 1, 1954—June 30, 1955	2,082
Volumes in the Library, June 30, 1955	<hr/> 229,801

BOOK STACKS

Once again the need for the additional book stacks, omitted at the time the building was constructed. We are rapidly reaching the point where they will be an absolute necessity. It was estimated in 1952 that we could get along without them for five years. It is my hope that we can make this installation in the summer of 1957 at the latest. If we are to meet this date, plans should be laid this coming year and the order placed next summer.

GIFTS

A sizable number of each year's accessions come to the Library as gifts. As usual, it is impossible to record here every contribution, much as we would wish to do so. Space permits only a few of the highlights.

Probably the finest and most extensive gift of books during the year was the modern poetry collection formed by the late Martha Linsley Spencer, long-time poetry editor of the *Hartford Times*. The gift of her sister, Mrs. Leon A. Hart of Simsbury, it numbers approximately 800 volumes, including a long file of the magazine *Poetry*.

Under the terms of the will of the late Louis W. Downes, '88, of Providence, we were able to select books from his library for the College. Included in the selection were several valuable books on clocks, Mr. Downes having been a clock collector and authority.

Dr. Harry T. Costello, Brownell Professor of Philosophy, continued his most generous custom of providing funds for the purchase of additional philosophy books by again giving \$400 for this purpose during the past year.

Henry D. B. B. Moore, Hon. '48, of Norfolk, added 182 items to the Moore Collection on the Far East. Because this collection continues to grow in importance and usefulness your Librarian wishes to call attention to his suggestion made in last year's library report that serious consideration be given to the offering of a course in Oriental culture. Visitors with a first-hand knowledge of the Far East marvel at the scope of the collection and express the conviction that we have the resources for the very best work in this area. This has been borne out by comparisons which the library staff has made with some of the standard bibliographies in the field.

Miss Mabel Johnson of Hartford presented the Library with the class book of her uncle, Brigadier General Griffin A. Stedman, Jr., of the class of 1859. General Stedman rose to his high rank at the age of twenty-six and lost his life at the Battle of Petersburg. Included with this gift are family letters written by Stedman during the Civil War.

As reported here in previous years, Allerton C. Hickmott regularly presents us with handsome books from his own library. Included among his gifts this year were six Doves Press items, one from the Nonesuch Press, the Baskerville *Orlando Furioso*, and a copy of the altar book designed by Daniel B. Updike. Such gifts add considerable distinction to our collections.

A. H. d'Arcambal, President of Niles-Bement-Pond Company, gave the College 103 volumes on metallurgy, an area in which we are very weak.

During this past year the libraries of Trinity and the Hartford Seminary Foundation, in consultation with their faculty library committees, have discussed areas of responsibility in book collecting and have sought ways to avoid unnecessary and expensive duplication. One step in the Watkinson Library recataloguing has been the consolidation of partial sets of periodicals in two or three libraries in Hartford into one file. The Seminary generously presented partial sets of general periodicals to fill in gaps either in the Trinity or Watkinson libraries. It is to be hoped that we can continue to take such cooperative measures in the months ahead.

John Nicholas Brown of Providence has made it possible for us to have a complete file of the key journal of Byzantine studies entitled *Byzantion*. This gift came to Trinity through the good offices of Dr. Norton Downs of the History Department.

Karl W. Hallden, '09, and Mrs. J. H. K. Davis, through the Library Associates, presented the Library with substantial monetary gifts during the year. Their generosity will enable us to further improve the Library's program.

At the suggestion of Albert E. Holland, '34, Mrs. J. S. Gilbertson and her daughter, Mrs. Francis Goodwin, 2nd, gave the Library a miscellaneous collection of over six hundred books and close to two thousand phonograph records. The latter provides the Library with a valuable collection of classical music and speech records. They have been housed in the Conference Room for use with the phonograph equipment installed at the time the building was opened.

The records mentioned above supplement the collection of drama and poetry records that Clarence I. Penn, '12, has been building in the Library. His gifts this year included Stephen Vincent Benet's *John Brown's Body*, Judith Anderson's *Medea*, and Archibald MacLeish's reading of his poetry.

B. Donald Burke, '36, of the London bureau of *Life* is making it possible for us to have subscriptions to two British journals we lacked previously, *Twentieth Century* and *Round Table*.

Students, faculty, and alumni all have contributed substantially to the growth of the Library. Six undergraduates presented books during the year: David S. Hoag, '55, Leander Smith, '55, Todd H. Trefts, '55, Peter Whiting, '55, James D. Wilson, '57 and Charles P. Wittman, '58.

As always, the faculty and library staff were well represented among the donors. The following members of the college community have contributed this past year:

Arthur Adams, George W. Adams, Morse S. Allen, Philip C. F. Bankwitz, Clarence H. Barber, LeRoy C. Barret, Robert M. Bishop, Robert C.

Black, III, J. Wendell Burger, Kenneth W. Cameron, George B. Cooper, Harry T. Costello, Eugene W. Davis, Harold L. Dorwart, Donald B. Engley, Hans Frese, Donald L. Herdman, Albert E. Holland, Edward F. Humphrey, Albert C. Jacobs, Mrs. Mabel Jones, Philip L. Kintner, Charlotte H. Leonard, Harold J. Lockwood, Albert Merriman, Richard K. Morris, Louis H. Naylor, George E. Nichols, III, Edwin N. Nilson, James A. Notopoulos, Gerald B. O'Grady, Daniel B. Risdon, August E. Sapega, Charles B. Saunders, Richard Scheuch, Sterling B. Smith, Lawrence W. Towle, Edward L. Troxell, Robert M. Vogel and Robert P. Waterman.

The alumni continue to show a very real interest in the development of our collections. Their list includes: William Bird, IV., '12, B. Donald Burke, '36, Florence S. M. Crofut, Hon. '38, Joseph H. Ehlers, '14, Karl Fenning, '03, Thomas F. Flanagan, '12, G. Keith Funston, '32, the Rt. Rev. Walter H. Gray, Hon. '41, Sherman O. Haight, '11, Sherman P. Haight, '11, Frederick C. Hinkel, Jr., '06, Richard L. Hirsch, '54, Wilmarth S. Lewis, Hon. '50, Anson T. McCook, '02, Philip J. McCook, '95, Robert S. Morris, '16, E. Abbe Niles, '16, Robert B. O'Connor, '16, Harvey Olson, M.A. '55, Clarence I. Penn, '12, Philip D. Phair, '94, Lawson Purdy, '84, Harold L. Smith, '23, Lloyd E. Smith, '23, Martin Taylor, '08, Robert P. Ward, Jr., M.A. '49, Jerome P. Webster, '10, Howard P. Winter, '36, the Rev. John W. Woessner, '12 and Richardson Wright, '10.

EXHIBITS

The program of exhibits was highlighted this year by the showing of books and paintings of American bird artists. This was sponsored by the Library Associates and will be reported fully below. The complete schedule of exhibits and the contributors to them follows:

September 15 -	Autograph Letters from the Collection	
October 15	of Prof. George B. Cooper	Prof. Cooper
October 15 - 31	United Nations	Mr. Adams
November	Henry David Thoreau Centennial	Prof. Cameron
December	Children's Books	Miss Kerr, Miss Angelo
January	Jamaica, from the collection presented by Richardson Wright	Mr. Engley
February	200th Anniversary of Johnson's Dictionary	Miss Kerr
March	Modern Greece in Photographs by Robert McCabe, Princeton, '56	Prof. Notopoulos
April	The Development of American Bird Illustration	Mr. Engley
May	Centenary of Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" (Exhibit loaned by Charles Feinberg of Detroit)	Mr. Engley
	Student and Faculty Art Work	Prof. Taylor, Prof. Pappas
June	Recent Gifts of Alumni and Friends	Mr. Engley

LIBRARY ASSOCIATES

The annual meeting of the Trinity College Library Associates was held in the Library Conference Room on Friday evening, April 22, with about sixty members and guests present. At the business meeting the Nominating Committee consisting of John F. Butler, '33, Professor Richard Scheuch, and John F. Hazen, Chairman, submitted the following slate of officers which was elected:

Chairman: Clarence E. Sherman, '11,
 Librarian of the Providence Public Library
Vice-Chairman: Wilmarth S. Lewis, Trustee of the Watkinson Library
Councillors: Mrs. Edmund B. Boatner, Professor George B. Cooper

Two members of the Trinity faculty, Norton Downs and Harry T. Costello, retired from the Associates Council this year. They have been of very real help in the formative years of the Associates. A special word of commendation should be said for Dr. Jerome P. Webster, '10, the first Chairman, who retires after four years of service. It was largely through his interest and initiative that the Associates came into being. It was his understanding of the value of such a group and his love of books and libraries which kept the organization on the tracks during its early days. We are delighted that under the terms of the constitution the past president remains a councillor.

The following report of the Treasurer was read at the meeting:

BALANCE, APRIL 1, 1954	\$2,468.53
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Income

Dues and Contributions	\$3,149.25
Sale of Gift Books (Duplicates)	580.57
Total	\$3,729.82

Expenditures

Publications	\$ 721.69
Meetings	145.19
Student Book Collectors Contest	50.00
Book Purchases	95.00
Travel Expenses, Secretary	24.49
Total	\$1,036.37

BALANCE, MARCH 31, 1955	\$5,161.98
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After the business meeting those in attendance heard an excellent talk on "The Development of American Bird Illustration" by Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, noted ornithologist and Associate Curator of the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University. He traced the development of this area of art from its beginnings through Alexander Wilson and John James Audubon and into the contemporary period represented by such outstanding illustrators as Louis Agassiz Fuertes and Roger Tory

Peterson. An exhibition of bird paintings included the work of Peterson loaned by the National Audubon Society, Rex Brasher paintings loaned by the State of Connecticut, and several by Robert Verity Clem, a young Hamden, Connecticut artist of considerable promise. A book exhibit, drawn largely on material from the Watkinson and Trinity libraries, covered the artists and periods discussed by Dr. Ripley. A highlight of the exhibit was a showing of the Audubon elephant folio plates in the Robert Havell, Jr., copy presented to Trinity College in 1900 by Dr. Gurdon Russell of the Class of 1834.

The second annual Student Book Collectors Contest sponsored by the Associates was conducted in April with the following as judges: Dr. Norton Downs of the History Department; Cedric Robinson, Windsor book dealer; and Donald B. Engley. Eight excellent collections were submitted and the judges found it difficult to decide on the first three places. Leland Jamieson, '57, of Deland, Florida, was awarded the first prize of \$25 for a collection of books assembled by him "to help with the continuing search . . . for a true apprehension of value." Another sophomore, Malcolm MacDonald of Port Washington, New York, received the second prize of \$15 for his collection on American history, while Leander Smith, '55, of Thomaston, Connecticut, received the third prize of \$10 for his selection of paper-bound books called "Philosophy in a New Cover." The prizes were awarded at College Honors Day in May. In addition, Mr. Sherman P. Haight, '11, a member of the Associates Council, entertained the three winners at dinner in his New York home preceding a visit to the Grolier Club for one of its monthly meetings.

The second issue of the *Gazette* made its appearance in February and was mailed to the membership at that time. A large part of this issue was devoted to the contribution of Henry Barnard to American education, with particular attention to Barnard's library now in the Watkinson Library. It is most fitting that the collections of one of the first trustees of the Watkinson be housed in it.

Requests for the *Gazette* have come from many libraries in the past few months. Wherever possible we have arranged for exchanges of similar material which seem to enhance our own collections. Thus the *Gazette* brings benefits to the Trinity and Watkinson libraries in addition to publicizing their collections and history.

THE WATKINSON LIBRARY

January, 1955 witnessed the completion of the first year of the Watkinson recataloguing project. The first month or two were spent in familiarizing the staff assigned to this task with the collections and the problems involved in creating a joint card catalogue. Additional time was taken in perfecting the technical routines of producing by offset process the multiple copies of each card needed for two catalogues.

The first books to be handled were the reference and bibliography material, a rather complicated and difficult group with a considerable number in foreign languages. The poor condition of some of the books, the need to check for duplication, and the need to coordinate the new

cataloguing with the existing catalogue added to the magnitude of the task.

During the first twelve months 4,130 volumes (2,126 titles) were handled. In the next six months (January to June of 1955) 3,737 volumes (684 titles) were processed. This calendar year is being spent largely on periodicals, which accounts for the high proportion of volumes to titles in the last mentioned figures.

The recataloguing work during the year 1954 was made possible by the generosity of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The Foundation very kindly permitted us to devote the unexpended balance of the grant at the close of the year to the binding and repair of Watkinson books. Two other local foundations have combined to make the recataloguing work possible in 1955.

The annual meeting of the Watkinson trustees was held on January 15 in the Trumbull Room, preceded by dinner in Cook Lounge. At the meeting the Watkinson Librarian's report was read and the Trinity Librarian reported on administrative and fiscal matters pertaining to the Watkinson. Miss Kerr's report appears as an appendix to this report.

Your Librarian is extremely grateful for the assistance which Miss Kerr, Mr. Hayes, and Mrs. Kussat, as well as Mr. Van Why during the summer of 1954, have provided for the effective operation of the Watkinson Library.

We are all grateful for the continued interest and support of the Watkinson Board of Trustees in the new life of the joint libraries. The election of Jerome P. Webster, '10, and Allerton C. Hickmott a year ago brought the Board to full strength, as follows:

Ex Officio Members

Governor of Connecticut	Abraham A. Ribicoff
President of the Hartford Public Library	Henry A. Perkins
President of the Connecticut Historical Society	
	Newton C. Brainard
President of Trinity College	Albert C. Jacobs
President of the Wadsworth Atheneum	Arthur L. Shipman

Elected Members: Arthur Adams, John C. Parsons, Wilmarth S. Lewis, Lucius F. Robinson, Jr., James T. Babb, Francis Watkinson Cole, Lawrence A. Howard, H. Bacon Collamore, Lyman B. Brainerd, James L. Goodwin, Karl W. Hallden, Jerome P. Webster and Allerton C. Hickmott.

STAFF

It is pleasant to be able to report that the library staff remained intact during the year. Despite a heavy and at times trying work load everyone performed loyally and efficiently. It is encouraging to know that the Trustees have made it possible to employ a serials librarian during the coming year to handle the organization of periodicals and documents. This, combined with bindery preparation, is a full-time task which has long been a burden on the Order Department.

During the summer of 1954 Miss Camille Lavieri, a graduate of the University of Connecticut, was employed temporarily as a circulation

assistant. Two graduate students, Alfred O'Connell and John Holmes, served as circulation assistants during evenings and week-ends.

The employment of student assistants was a source of considerable difficulty. Rapid turn-over caused confusion in the circulation department all year. It is to be hoped that something can be done this year to increase the rate of pay as well as to assign student workers to the Library who need work enough to stay with it. A special word of commendation should go to John Tulk, '56, who almost single-handedly performed the shelving work on top of a busy academic schedule.

The following were our student assistants during all or part of the year: Edward L. Babington, '57, David J. Barlow, '57, Leo E. Barnes, '57, Charles T. Corning, Jr., '58, John M. Darcey, '57, Neil M. Day, '57, Paul S. Eldredge, '58, Paul A. Giffin, '58, Peter S. Goodwin, '58, James F. O'Reilly, '58, Wayne R. Park, '58, John M. Pulsifer, '58, William S. Saunders, '58, Peter T. Sayre, '56, David A. Smith, '58, Martin C. Stearns, '56, Roy S. Tucker, '58, John F. Tulk, '56, John R. Wilkins, '56, John H. Woodward, '57 and Palmer W. Wyld, '57.

FACULTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee met four times during the year. It was most helpful to the Librarian, particularly in the task of book fund apportionment to departments. A suggestion made late in the year that the Library consider more formal ways of instructing freshmen in the use of the Library will be taken up at the first meeting of the Committee this coming year. This suggestion came in part as a result of the success of the Bibliography Seminar conducted during the winter months for graduate students by the Librarian and Reference Librarian.

The Committee and the faculty as a whole will be pleased to know that the Trustees have taken steps to increase next year's book funds in accordance with recent recommendations of the Committee.

The following expenditure figures indicate the progress that has been made in the past five years:

	<u>Books, Periodicals, Binding</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Supplies, Misc., Including Student Assistants</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1949-50	\$11,759	\$23,207	\$3,852	\$38,818
1954-55	17,636	32,630	5,181	55,447

During these years the per student library expenditure has climbed from approximately \$30 to \$46.05. While we still have a distance to go to reach the standard set by other New England colleges of our type, it is heartening to know that advances are being made each year.

Your Librarian is extremely grateful for the support he has had from Trustees, Faculty, and Administration as well as for the loyal assistance of an energetic and dedicated staff. Whatever has been accomplished has been through the joint efforts of many hands.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. ENGLE
Librarian

APPENDIX

TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WATKINSON LIBRARY:

The fall of 1954 marked a noticeable increase in the use of the Watkinson Library by both faculty and students. The reading room is in use almost constantly either as a study hall or for research and required reading. Each year Professor Black of the History Department assigns required reading in Watkinson books. The recataloguing of the Library with cards in the Trinity College Library catalogue brings the students upstairs for Watkinson material. This use will increase as the cataloguing progresses and the contents of the Watkinson Library are made known through the main catalogue.

The Trumbull Rare Book Room continues to be one of the show places of the College. Parents of prospective students and other distinguished guests are usually escorted about campus by some member of the Public Relations Office. They never fail to include the new Library and the rare book room in their survey. Students proudly show off the Library to admiring parents and friends. We are pleased to note that readers from outside the College community continue to use the Watkinson Library. Requests are received by mail from all sections of the United States for information regarding Watkinson material not obtainable elsewhere.

Exhibits in the cases on the main floor have attracted people from greater Hartford. For two successive Februarys the Watkinson Library has shown examples from its large collection of early valentines. Requests have already been received for another valentine exhibit in 1955! An exhibit of the writings of the "Hartford Wits" and later Hartford writers brought in many local visitors. During December Miss Anna Angelo helped arrange an impressive showing of children's books drawn from the Watkinson Collection, augmented by some from the Trinity College collection and Miss Angelo's own library. In planning this exhibit emphasis was laid upon the illustrations. As the Watkinson Library does not specialize in children's books we were pleased to find that we had examples of the work of most of the best-known illustrators of juvenile literature. A group of prospective teachers from St. Joseph College and other townspeople came to the Library to see this exhibit.

Each year Dr. Frese brings his class in German Literature to the Trumbull Room to examine the 15th and 16th century German books. This year their special interest was the German Bibles. Certain members of his class have made reports, based on German and English hymn books in the Watkinson Library, and on German hymns which have been translated into English. Professor Downs has brought his class in Medieval History in to see the 15th and 16th century printed books, especially the early histories. Near the end of the year Chaplain O'Grady brought in his class in Religion to see the early and rare Psalters in the Trumbull Room.

In selecting books for purchase attention has been given to those fields in which the Watkinson Library specializes—American history, American Indians, book arts, and bibliography. With these interests in mind the Library has this year joined several societies which issue publications periodically to its members. One is the (London) Bibliographical Society whose Transactions are known as *The Library*. The Society of American Archivists publishes *The American Archivist*. The stated object of The Manuscript Society is "to encourage the meeting of autograph collectors and stimulate and aid them in their various collecting specialties, to facilitate the exchange of information and knowledge among collectors and scholars." Their publication is called *Manuscripts*. The Library has also joined the Cambridge (England) Bibliographical Society which publishes its *Transactions* and occasional monographs. We have also subscribed to the *Proceedings* of the American Antiquarian Society which prints letters, diaries, and bibliographies.

Among the book purchases are S. A. Kimber's *Cambridge Press Title-Pages, 1640-1665*. This reproduces eighty-four title-pages of all the publications of the Cambridge (Massachusetts) Press issued between 1640 and 1665. This was the first printing press to be established in British North America. Its publications included almanacs, catechisms, the works of Puritan ministers, and broadsides relating to the work of Harvard University. Its most important publications were the Bibles in the Indian language. This work will be of great value to librarians and students of the beginnings of American printing.

The Library has been extremely fortunate in securing a complete set of *The Fleuron*, the English equivalent of the *American Colophon*, issued in seven volumes from 1923 to 1930. This journal on typography, itself an example of fine modern printing, contains contributions and illustrations from most of the leading book designers of this period. In the history of book production one of the most remarkable manifestations is the brilliant and magnificent bindings produced in Ireland during the 18th century. Maurice Craig's *Irish Bookbindings, 1600-1800*, is a study of this important movement in the history of books. The standard and most complete work on early watermarks is C. M. Briquet's *Les Filigranes*, supplemented by the *Briquet Album*. This is an historical dictionary with illustrations of all watermarks from their first appearance in 1282 to 1600. A descriptive check-list of 11,450 sources of material relating to the United States printed between 1700 and 1950 is found in Wright Howes' *Us-iana*. A new book, *Soldiers of the American Army, 1775-1954* by Fritz Kredel, will help supply an answer to some of our many requests for illustration of military costume. This gives thirty-two full color illustrations of the uniforms of the American Army, each accompanied by text outlining the historical background of the soldiers and their uniforms.

A Hartford author, Wallace Stevens, has recently come into prominence as one of our most outstanding contemporary American poets. His books and poems are now being collected by purchase and gift of the author. This collection, much of which consists of contributions to "little" magazines, is shelved in the Trumbull Room.

For ten years or more the Brown University Library has been assembling from various New England libraries lists of their holdings in books printed during the 16th century. The printing of this important work was completed this year, and as one of the largest contributors, the Watkinson Library was presented with a copy. As no adequate list of books printed during this period is available, this constitutes a valuable addition to our bibliographical material.

Wilmarth S. Lewis is continuing to present the Library with the volumes of *Horace Walpole's Correspondence* which he is editing. Volumes 17, 18, and 19 were received here this year.

In the late 19th century a printing press was established in Cambridge, Massachusetts, called the "Merrymount Press." Founded by Daniel B. Updike, this press has had a long and distinguished record for superior workmanship with a reputation unequalled by that of any other bookmaking house. It catered deliberately to a limited superior public. It did so much Church printing that Mr. Updike became known as the "liturgical printer of the Episcopalians." A devout Episcopalian himself, Mr. Updike became increasingly distressed by the fact that the Altar Book used at that period in the Church was unworthy in physical appearance and should have been replaced long before. He began to dream and plan for a proper Altar Book. A special room was hired in which to print the book, a special type, the "Merrymount Type," was designed for it, and the services of a gifted young architect, Bertram G. Goodhue, enlisted as decorator. The Library has recently been enriched with the gift of one of the 350 copies issued of this superb example of modern printing, called *The Altar Book: Containing the Order for the Celebration of the Holy Communion According to the Use of the American Church*.

Respectfully submitted,

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